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Vale District Office
100 Oregon Street
Vale, Oregon 97918
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IN REPLY REFER TO:
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October 7, 2002

Dear Interested Party:

The Eiguren permit change, Environmental Assessment (EA No. OR-030-02-022) and Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) is available for viewing at <http://www.or.blm.gov/vale/> under NEPA Planning and Environmental Analyses, Schedule of Proposed Actions, or at the Vale District Office of the BLM, 100 Oregon Street, Vale, Oregon.

The primary need for the proposed action is to facilitate a livestock management change in the Arock and Navaro V Pastures of the West Cow Creek Community Allotment #20902. Currently, the authorized use in the Arock and Navaro V Pastures is during the early spring/summer period (4/1-9/22) with 500 cow/calf (C/C) pairs. The permittee has requested to take his cattle home 22 days early for one month, wean the calves, and then return with only mother cows. The proposed change would have positive benefits to an already healthy range. This would be accomplished by turning out 250 pairs for one week in the spring, during the critical growing period, instead of 500 pairs, thus, reducing grazing during the active growth period, which would benefit plant health. Also by providing periodic rest during a portion of the hot season, (22 days in September) and returning at a cooler time of year with fewer numbers, dry cows would spread out more and utilize vegetation further from water sources.

Comments, including names and addresses of respondents, will be available for public review at the identified administrative office during regular business hours (8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.), Monday through Friday, except holidays, and may be published as a part of the EA document or other related documents. Individual respondents may request confidentiality.

If you wish to withhold your name or street address from public review or from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your written comment. Such requests will be honored to the extent allowed by law. All submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, will be made available for public inspection in their entirety.

We are allowing a fifteen (15) day comment period which will end on October 21, 2002 prior to issuing a decision. All comments received within 15 days from the date of this letter will be taken into consideration prior to a decision being issued. A copy of the decision will be sent to

those who comment or request it. All comments should be in writing and should be directed to the Jordan Resource Area Field Manager at the above address. Any questions regarding this plan or the analysis should be directed to Andy Bumgarner at (541) 473-3144.

Sincerely,

s/ Jerry L. Taylor

Jerry L. Taylor
Jordan Field Office Manager

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